THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON):

(a) No. Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Three.

(d) 107 GPF Accounts have been corrected and 19 still remain to be connected.These could not be corrected due to non-receipt of proper records from Zpnal offlce/divisions other than 'D' Division.

Scarcity of drinking water in Kutch District of Gujarat

1846. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the severe scarcity of drinking water in the district of Kutch, Panch Mahal, Sabarkantha, Banas Kantha, Mehsana and Surendra Nagar of Gujarat State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken or proposed to be. taken to tackle this problem imme-' diptely?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) As informed by the State Government, there has been good rain during the last monsoon in the Districts of Kutch, Panchmahal, Sabarkantha, Banaskantha, Mehsana and Surendranagar of Gujarat State. As such this year there is no scarcity of drinking water in these districts at present.

(b and (c) Question does not arise.

Illegal encroachment in North Avenue

1847. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken with regard to the illegal encroachment made in the North Avenue and its sur rounding area by M/s Bagga Tent Housi since last three decades;

(b) if so, what are the reasons there for;

(c) whether a number of motor ca garages and servant quarters are illegally encroaches by the said Messers;

(d) whether encroachment in Govern ment land has been done for godown etc.; and

. (e) if so, what action Government have taken in, this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOP MENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a] Several instances of misuse of garages in the North Avenue and South Avenue for tent house, residential, and other purposes have come to the notice of CPWD Garage Nos- N-14, N-17 & N-18, North Avenue are reported to being used as tent stores. These instances have been brought by the CPWD to the notice of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha Secretariats, since houses and garages to the Rajya Sabha/Lok Sabba Members are allotted by the respective house Committees. Action taken by the Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha Secretariat? for getting the encroachments removed are, however, not known to the Government.

(b) Reasons for the reported misuse are not within the knowledge of the Government.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) CPWD has reported that no godown has been constructed over Department; and

(e) Does not arise.

Pilot scheme for the poor by HUDCO

1848. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA): Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) has

recently proposed a pilot scheme for extending financial assistance to Voluntary and non-G6vernmental Organisations for specific housing and shelter upgradation and civic amenities development programme for the poor countrywide;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the financial assistance proposed to be made available to non government organisations during 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 state-wise, particularly for Gujarat state, District-wise;

(d) the criteria laid down for disbursement of such financial assistance to NGOs and the terms and conditions therefor: and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) has taken up a decision to provide loan assistance- for house construction and upgradation of houses for the economically weaker sections through Non-Govemment Organisations (NGOs) on a pilot project basis. Financial assistance to NGOs is to be made within the HUDCO loan allocation made to the respective States|UTs and no special allocation made for loans to NGOs. Since the launching of the scheme in 1994, HUDCO has sanctioned two projects, one each in Tamil Nadu and Gujarat, with loan amounts of Rs. 24077 lakhs and Rs. 2.56 lakhs respectively.

(c) Since the scheme was introduced only in 1994, the question does not arise.

(d) and (e) The criteria for selection of, and disbursement of financial assistance to, NGOs are as under:—

(a) The selection of NGOs for the pilot project would to based on the proven track record of the NGOs as regards successful work with the developmental need* of the informed sector.

(b) As per the pilot scheme, the NGOs are to channelise funds to the beneficiary groups.

(c) Identification of the beneficiary groups will be indicated before the commencement of the scheme.

(d) The NGO will ensure that there is participatory involvement of the beneficiary community through appropriate cost-effective options-.

(e) It will be the duty of the NGO to ensure servicing of the loan, including the prompt repayment of the same by the beneficiaries.

(f) The scheme also provides for enabling the NGO to deposit surplus idle funds with HUDCO to give the right level of returns and also act as a security against default in repayment .

(g) The NGO will be allowed 2 per cent interest-spread over HUDCO rate and administrative and servicing charges of 2.5 per cent as one-time cost for carrying out organisational work, servicing needs, etc.

th) The documentation charge for these schemes would be reduced to Rs. 1000/- per scheme and no front-end fees would be leviable.

(i) The security of loan will be by mortgage wherever available or by bark guarantee.

(j) In case no security is available, the following would be the requirement;

—Assurance of land tenure from appropriate authority;

—Deposit ranging between 10 per cent to 25 per cent of the loan to be decided at the time of appraisal of the project;

—Guarantee of NGO to deposit 75 per cent to 90 per cent of the loan amount through monthly/quarterly contributions to be collected from beneficiaries.

—In case of loan upto Rs. 2500/- for repairs, no security except NGO's guarantee would be required .